

## Chequamegon Bay Area Activities for December 2019 from the Ashland Area Chamber, 1716 Lake Shore Drive 800-284-9484/715-682-2500



800-284-9484/715-682-2500 All dates are subject to change. Please call ahead to confirm.

Many retail stores in Ashland will begin extended Shopping Hours, December 9th through Christmas Eve.

## December 1-31:

- ◊ Christmas Cash Raffle Drawing, held every day during the month of December. 715-682-2500.
- ♦ **The Salvation Army** has **bell ringers** in Ashland now through Christmas Eve at Walmart, Super One Foods, and Walgreens. Please donate to the bell ringers bucket or volunteer to ring the bell. In Ashland call 715-682-3928, 715-682-9251 or 715-292-3697.
- ◊ Annual Ashland Firefighters' Toy Drive. Sign up: November 15- December 13. To donate: Bring new, unwrapped toys to any drop-off site or to the Fire Station. Cash donations are accepted at the Fire Station, 217 East 6th St. To sign up children: Please call RSVP at 715-292-6400 Ex 1 or 2. For more information or a list of drop-off sites, call 715-682-7052.
- ♦ Bad River Lodge and Casino presents "Elf Snowball Fight" every Friday in December 7pm-11pm. \$12,000 cash giveaway! For more information, call 715-682-7121 or visit www.badriver.com.
- **BINGO at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church** on Tuesdays at 7pm. Progressive Blackout Jackpot.
- ♦ Bad River Lodge and Casino presents, "Happy Holiday Tuesdays Kiosk Game" every Tuesday in December from 8am-11:45pm. Not valid on New Years Eve. Win cash and rewards play! 715-682-7121 www.badriver.com.
- ♦ **Bad River Lodge and Casino's Food Drive**, Fridays in December until December 20, from 8am-7pm. Bring in 3 non-perishables or 3 health & beauty items and receive \$5 rewards play. Donations will go to local shelves. 715-682-7121.
- Bad River Lodge and Casino presents their annual, "Big Bundle Up Campaign" through December 20th from 8am-11pm. Children's hat, mittens, gloves scarf- receive \$10 rewards play. Children's winter coats, jackets, snow pants, or boots- receive \$20 rewards play. Rules apply, see guest services for details. Donations given to local shelters. All children's items must be brand new, never worn and with price tag still attached. 715-682-7121 or visit www.badriver.com. December 1:
- I00th Annual Community Christmas Concert, at the Presbyterian-Congregational Church, 210 Vaughn Ave., at 4pm. Free admission. 715-209-6784.
- Country Blossoms Holiday Open House, holiday containers, kissing balls, wreaths, holiday decor, and more! Santa will be there from 1-3pm. 715-746-2345.
- **December 1-11: Washburn Cultural Center**, on display is a retrospective of the marvelous paintings and mixed media works of Bayfield artist Rita VanderVenter. This exhibit contains 45 pieces and features a wonderful series of paintings of Lake Superior and Apostle Islands sea caves. 715-373-5591.

#### **December 4:**

- WITC- Ashland Love Lights Ceremony from 6-7pm. Purchase a love light to honor your loved ones, deceased, living or serving in the armed forces. For more information, call 715-234-7082 ext. 5250.
- ◊ Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center presents, Great Gray Owls of Sax-Zim Bog, 7-8:30pm @ Theater. 715-685-9983.
- December 4-5: McRae True Value, 118 Prentice Avenue, Christmas Tool Show from 8am-6pm. 715-682-9083.

## December 5:

- ♦ Northwest Wisconsin Workforce Investment Board presents, **"Poverty Simulation"** 8am-12:30pm at WITC- Ashland campus. Interactive activity & discussion to understand the challenges faced by 1 in 3 households. Free event! Pre-registration required. To register, go to www.nwwib.com/events/sim or mbolka@nwwib.com or call 828-773-7786.
- ♦ Holiday Dazzle from 4-6pm at the Bargain Hut, 420 Chapple Ave. Holiday partywear, glitter, sparkles, and velour for both children and adults. Christmas dresses, sweaters, and more! 715-682-2776.
- ♦ Chequamegon Food Co-op presents "Beginner Banjo" from 5:30-7:30pm. Instructor: Clayton Toman, Cost: \$10/\$5 owner. Registration Deadline: Tuesday, December 3. Learn primary chords, scales, first position, and more! kianaa@cheqfood.coop.
- ◊ Regional Hospice Services presents Tree of Life Ceremony- Remember Your Loved One, at 6pm, in the Memorial Medical Center-Stockton Island Room. Photographs may be submitted via email to magee@regionalhospice.org. 715-685-5151
- **December 5-6**: **Partners of MMC Holiday Bazaar,** Dec 5, 12-5pm, Dec 6: 8am-1pm, on MMC ground floor. Close to a dozen vendors. **December 5-8**: Country Blossoms Holiday Open House, holiday containers, kissing balls, wreaths, holiday decor, and more! 715-746-2345. **December 6**:
- ♦ C&S Design & Engineering, Inc. **Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening** at 12pm, at their new location, 2023 6th St. West, Ashland, followed by their **Holiday Open House**. 715-682-0330.
- ◊ Kids Night Out at **Bayfield Rec Center**, 4:30-8:30pm. Ages 5-13, \$10 per child plus \$5 per additional sibling. 715-779-5408.
- ♦ 7th annual **"Shop Local for the Holidays"** night at businesses throughout Bayfield from 5-8pm. Participating Bayfield shops and restaurants will be offering exceptional specials and deals to reward customers on a unique shopping night. 715-779-3335 or bayfield.org
- Meet Mr. & Mrs. Claus at the Washburn City Hall. All children will receive a Christmas package. Tree lighting at 5:30pm and Santa will be there from 5:45-6:30pm. Donations of canned goods and non-perishable items. 715-373-5017.
- Brenda Eder's Annual Toys for Tots at the Office Bar, 407 Main Street West, 6pm. Bring your unwrapped toy for a boy and/or girl to the Office Bar, together we can help bring joy to the children in our community.
- ♦ Butternut **Christmas in the Village** at the Butternut Village Hall, from 6-7:30pm. Tree Lighting Ceremony, free pictures with Santa, cookies and hot chocolate, and Christmas Carols. For more information, email butternutwi@centurytel.net.
- Ochequamegon Area Choir presents their annual winter concert, "Just Believe" at Good Shepard Lutheran Church, 311 W 13th St. at 7:30pm. cac-voices.weebly.com.

♦ Legendary Waters Resort & Casino presents live music featuring The ZackaryZ, 8pm-midnight. 800-226-8478. December 6-7:

Legendary Waters Resort and Casino presents, "Holiday Boutique", Fri. 12noon-6pm and Sat. 10am-6pm. Crafts and baked goods! 800-226-8478.

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## -Continued from front page-December 6-8: ◊ The performance of the children's production of **"The Nutcracker Suite,"** at AHS Auditorium. Fri. 6:30pm, Sat. 6:15pm and 8pm, Sun. 1:30pm. For more information, call 715-685-2755 or visit www.acp-nutcracker.com. **December 7:** Ashland retail merchants host "Customer Appreciation Day." Shop local and get bargains all day! Christmas Caroling along Historic Main Street by the AHS Choir Department, 10:30-11:30am. Pictures with Santa at Otis Park (East of Burger Barn) in the Little Red Shed (donated by Chris & Jessica O'Connell) 12-2pm, Santa sponsored by Xcel Energy. Christmas Trees for Sale at Otis Park, by Our Lady of the Lake, and to end this fun day, the Christmas Parade at 4:30pm on Historic Main Street! 715-682-2500. ◊ One On One Hair Designing, **Christmas Open House** and 35th Anniversary, 516 West Main Street. 715-682-5800. ◊ Presbyterian-Congregational Church Christmas Bazar and Granny's Boutique, 210 Vaughn Ave., 9am-2pm. Baked goods, cookies by the pound, candy, craft table, and more. Tea Room: 10am-2pm. 715-292-3893. • Holiday Bazaar at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 29270 Co. Hwy. G, from 10am-2pm. 50 vendors with Artisan soaps, decorations for your home, holiday treats and so much more. 715-685-2659 www.nglvc.org ◊ 4th Annual Butternut Christmas Arts & Crafts Sale, 10am-2pm. 108 N Main St, Butternut. 715-661-4814. ◊ Christmas Open House, at the Ashland Historical Society Museum, 216 West Main St, from 10am-5pm. 10% off in the Gift Shop, special holiday drawing and refreshments. For more information, call 715-682-4911. • Toys for Tots Pool Tournament at the Stagecoach Bar and Grill, 315 Main St E, starting at 10:30am. \$10 entry fee plus \$15 or \$20 to purchase a toy. Even if you don't play pool, stop in and drop off a new toy! 715-292-6710. • Christmas For Teens Fundraiser at the Neighborly Bar from 11am-5:30pm. Chinese raffles, teen wish tree, and more! Help us raise funds for gifts for area teens that would otherwise not be able to get anything for Christmas! 715-682-9908. Legendary Waters Resort and Casino presents, "Legendary Cribbage Tournament". Registration starts at 3pm. Play begins at 5pm. For more information, call 800-226-8478 or visit www.legendarywaters.com. ◊ The 57th Annual Garland City of the North Christmas Parade, on Historic Main Street, at 4:30pm. 715-682-2500. ♦ White Winter Winery presents A Dickens of a Christmas! 6-9 pm. Charles Dicken's, A Christmas Carol will be read with a five course Victorian-style meal paired with White Winter Winery mead, ciders, and spirits. Seating limited. whitewinter.com/events 715-372-5656. ◊ Festival of Music at 7:30pm in the New Salem Baptist Church, 400 Salem Drive. Northland College Choral and Instrumental Ensembles. For more information, contact Linda at 715-682-0446. • Bayfield Spirit Gallery Tour from 10am-5pm. For more information, contact the Bayfield Chamber at 715-779-3335. **December 8:** Christmas Bazaar at St. Florian's parish, 19315 Keystone Road, Mason, after the 11am Sunday mass. More information call, Loretta Skaj at 715-765-4744 or Glory Bizub at 715-715-2311. Ochequamegon Food Coop presents, Make & Take: Found Object Ornaments. 1pm-3pm. kianaa@cheqfood.coop. 715-682-8251. ◊ Free Bingo at Legendary Waters Resort & Casino in the Event Center, 1pm, 20 games, Cash Prizes, must be 18+. 800-226-8478. ◊ United Congregational Church of Christ, 117 S West St, Mellen, presents, "Christmas Musical concert" featuring the Peace Community Choir and the Park Falls Bell Choir at 2pm in Mellen. 715-274-2203 or mardyehrhardt@gmail.com. ◊ Chequamegon Area Choir annual winter concert, "Just Believe" at St. Louis Catholic Church, 217 W 7th St, Washburn at 4pm. For more information, visit cac-voices.weebly.com. **December 9:** ◊ North Coast Cycling Association and the Washburn Area Chamber of Commerce presents, "Adult Fat Bike Raffle". Drawing will be at noon for the bike at the Washburn Chamber of Commerce. For more information call 715-373-5017. Ochequamegon Food Co-op presents Make & Take: Evergreen Wreaths, 5:30-7:30pm. kianaa@cheqfood.coop. 715-682-8251. December 10: 200 Mobile-How They Hide at 11am & 12pm at the Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center. Discover the different ways animals use camouflage to avoid being seen. For more information, call 715-685-9983. ◊ Santa is coming to the Center, Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center, 11:30am-1:30pm. 715-685-9983. ◊ Ashland Middle School Holiday Concert at 7-8:30pm in the Dodd Gymnasium, 1000 Ellis Ave., Ashland. 715-682-7087. December 11: Vellness Wednesday at Chequamegon Food Co-op. Discount: From CBD to toothpaste, stop by for the second Wednesday of each month. Co-op owners receive 10% off on wellness goods- time to stock up. kianaa@cheqfood.coop. Women into Networking. The second Wednesday of every month at the Anchor Island (formerly the Platter) at 5pm. An after business hours networking event with appetizers. RSVP with name and phone number by calling/texting 906-364-9100 or through Facebook. • Thrivent Financial Open House from 11am-2pm at 623 Main St E, Ashland. Join us for lunch and dessert. Donations of winter hats and mittens for kids will be collected. 623 Main St E, Ashland. 715-685-0605. December 12: Ochequamegon Food Co-op presents, Bread Making Basics, 5:30-7:30pm. kianaa@cheqfood.coop. Fee applies. 715-682-8251. ◊ Ashland High School **Holiday Concert** at 8-9pm in the AHS Auditorium. For more information, 715-682-7089. December 13: ◊ Marengo Valley School Winter Music Program, 62408 St. Hwy. 112, at 1pm. 715-278-3286.

◊ Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center presents, Linda Ronstadt: The Sound of My Voice Tentative Film, 7:30-9:30pm @ Theater. Presented by the Bay Area Film Society. Fee Program. 715-685-9983.

## **December 14:**

- ◊ 5th Annual Cookie Walk from 8-10am, at Our Lady of the Lake Social Hall. Cookies sold by the pound. 715-682-7620.
- ◊ 7th Annual The Magic of Christmas Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, at AHS, 1900 Beaser Ave, 9am-2pm. 715-682-7089.
- Vashburn Cultural Center presents, "Annual Holiday Boutique" 1 E. Bayfield St. in Washburn. 9am-4pm. 715-373-5591
- ◊ Chequamegon Food Co-op presents, Eggs Benedict, 10am-12pm. Registration required. kianaa@cheqfood.coop. Fee applies.
- Holidazzle Holiday Raffle at the Stagecoach Bar & Grill, 11am-7pm. Bring in a pair of shoes to donate or a nonperishable food item to be entered into the drawing! Free admission. Proceeds benefits the New Day Advocacy Center. Call 715-682-2608.
- Greet Santa as he makes his way to Bayfield on the ferry boat from Madeline Island 11:30am-1pm at the Bayfield Lakeside Pavilion. Free and open to the public. For more information, call 715-779-3335.

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- O Pictures with Santa at Otis Park (East of Burger Barn) in the Little Red Shed (donated by Chris & Jessica O'Connell) 12-2pm, Santa sponsored by Xcel Energy. Mrs. Clause and the elves will be around to keep an eye on things.
- ◊ Legendary Waters Resort & Casino presents, Warrior Games VIII- Live Amateur & Professional Cage Fights in the Event Center. Doors open at 6:00 pm, fists fly at 7:00 pm. General Admission \$25. For more information, call 800-226-8478.
- ♦ Ashland High School Jazz presents Big Band Ball with a dinner and a Holiday concert at the Niblick Bar & Grill at 7pm. \$20 tickets for food and music which can be purchased at the door. Contact Brett Hulmer- bhulmer@sdak12.net

**December 15: The Elks National Hoop Shoot Contest** at 4pm in the Our Lady of the Lake gymnasium in Ashland! The Elks National Hoop Shoot is a free throw contest for youth 8-13. 715-209-6372. elks.org/hoopshoot.

**December 16: Chequamegon Food Co-op** presents, **Beginner Guitar**, 5:30-7:30pm. Registration required. Fee Applies. 715-682-8251 **December 17:** 

◊ Lake Superior Intermediate Winter Program, LS/LC Charter school, 1101 Binsfield Rd, Ashland. 715-682-7083.

- ◊ **OLL Big Christmas Bingo!** Doors open at 5:30pm. Bingo starts at 7pm. Big prizes! Big Raffles! Big fun! 715-682-7620. **December 18:**
- ♦ Christmas Pageant" The Story of Christmas" presented by Religious Education Students and BAYNET at the Our Lady of the Lake church, 201 Lake Shore Dr E., at 6:30pm. 715-682-7620.
- ♦ Legendary Waters Resort & Casino presents Karaoke in the Lounge with DJ Ray & DJ Bernie, 8 pm-12am. 800-226-8478. December 19:
- Partners of MMC Cookie Sale from 7:30-10:30am, or until cookies run out, in the Twin Islands Room. Accepting cookies for donation until 3pm on December 18th. Drop offs can be made at the Information desk or the Gift Shop. 715-685-5180.

Lake Superior Primary Winter Program, 1101 Binsfield Rd., Ashland. For more information, call 715-682-7083.

- ♦ 3rd THURSDAY!! Downtown Retail Business will be open until 8pm on the 3rd THURSDAY of every month, with specials. Bargains!! Fun!! An evening of shopping! Double points for Shop Small Win Big! For more information call 715-682-2500.
- Winter Community Meal at the Chequamegon Food Co-op, 4-7pm. Free! No registration required. Enjoy a made-from-scratch meal from our deli for only \$5. For more information, email kianaa@cheqfood.coop. 715-682-8251

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- ♦ Ashland Chamber Music Society welcomes **"Handel's Messiah Sing Along"** at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, at 7:30pm. 715-682-5795. www.ashlandchambermusic.org.
- ♦ Legendary Waters Resort & Casino presents **live music** featuring **Bad Example**, 8pm-midnight in the Lounge. 800-226-8478. **December 21:**
- Oterry Ole' Christmas in Downtown Ashland!!! Shop, see Santa and take a carriage ride! Free Carriage Rides from 12-2pm, with the Hammond Horses & Carriage, sponsored in part by Holden Insurance. Pick-up in front of the Court House. Pictures with Santa at Otis Park (East of Burger Barn) in the Little Red Shed (donated by Chris & Jessica O'Connell) 12-2pm, Santa sponsored by Xcel Energy. For more information, call 715-682-2500.
- ♦ Chequamegon Food Co-op presents "Kids in the Kitchen: Holiday Cookies", 10am-12pm. Instructor: Chef Jonathon Berthel, Penokee Mountain Foods. Parental supervision required. Call 715-682-8251 to register today!
- Legendary Waters Resort and Casino presents, "Legendary Cribbage Tournament". Registration starts at 3pm. Play begins at 5pm. For more information, call 800-226-8478 or visit www.legendarywaters.com.
- ♦ **Ugly Sweater Party** at The Safari, 423 Main St E, Ashland. Starts at 8pm. Contest for the ugliest sweater at 11pm. Three categories will win. Hosted by CheqYes and The Safari. For more information, call 715-682-4055.
- **December 22**: **Breakfast with Santa** at the Our Lady of the Lake Social Hall from 8am-1pm. Hosted by the Home & School Association. All donations appreciated! Socks, mittens, snacks, gift cards, craft supplies, etc. One prize per group! Text/call 715-292-5636 if you'd like to help, donate, or for more information!

December 25: Merry Christmas! Places to eat on Christmas Day:

- ♦ Free-Will Offering Dinner, at Our Lady of the Lake Church, 201 E. Lake Shore Dr. Dinner from 11am-1pm, open to the public. Held in the social hall and will be having take-outs and delivering meals. 715-682-7620.
- ♦ Memorial Medical Center Cafeteria open 11am-6pm.
- Ashland Family Restaurant open 6am-2pm
- Manomin Restaurant at Bad River Casino Open 2-9pm.

December 27-29: Mt. Ashwabay presents Holiday Mini Camps, offering instruction in Learn-to-Ski, Learn-to-Snowboard, Ski Racing, and Snowboard Racing. From 10am-3pm. For more information, call 715-779-3227 or visit www.mtashwabay.org.

# December 28:

- ♦ **Bargain Hut Give Back Sale!** The last Saturday of every month of the year. Located at 420 Chapple Ave. From 9am-1pm. Items will be for the community to take at no charge! Open to anyone and everyone! 715-682-8522.
- Thrivent's Family Day at the Movies at Ashland's Bay Theatre at 1pm. Pick up your tickets today for a free family-friendly movie, popcorn, and drink. Tickets are claimed quickly, come by the Thrivent office, 623 Main St E, Ashland, while they last! Spare change will be collected for our local libraries at the event for those who wish to donate. Movies are first come/first serve. 715-685-0605
  December 28-29: Ashland Youth Hockey Squirts Tournament. For more information, email calybeal@yahoo.com.
- December 31:
- ♦ Bad River Lodge and Casino presents, "New Year's Eve Buffet" from 5-10pm. Prime Rib, Crab legs, and more! First come, first served, Adults: \$26.99 + tax. Children 12 and under: \$8.99 + tax. 715-682-7121 or visit www.badriver.com.
- ◊ The Rookery Pub in Cable, a New Years Treat! Signature five course feast has become an annual New Year's Eve tradition for many. Seating is limited and reservations are required. \$75/person. www.rookerypub.com 715-794-2062.
- ♦ Bad River Lodge and Casino presents "2020 Drawings" from 7:30pm-11:30pm. Over \$6,000 cash! www.badriver.com.
- ♦ The Alley New Year's Eve Party, 9pm-12am. 715-682-4200.
- New Year's Eve Party at the Bad River Lodge and Casino! Performance by "Chicago Soul Explosion" at 9pm. Doors open at 8pm, music starts at 9pm-1am. Balloon drop at midnight. Must be 21 or older. Free admission. 715-682-7121.
- New Years Eve Bash at Legendary Waters Resort & Casino with Rhino the Band. Doors open at 8:30pm, music starts at 9:30pm. 800-226-8478.

